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Field Crops Report

As of October 13, **cotton** harvest was 30 percent complete, compared with 28 percent last year and 27 percent for the five-year average.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 32 percent not being harvested, 11 percent light, 13 percent moderate, and 44 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 5 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 23 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 38 percent very poor, 41 percent poor, 17 percent fair, and 4 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in poor to fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews and watermelons, while eastern Arizona producers shipped apples, chilies and tomatoes. Producers in western Arizona shipped cantaloupes and honeydews.

Citrus producers in central and western Arizona shipped lemons last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State were slightly above average. For the week ending October 12, temperatures ranged from 1 degree below normal at Gila Bend to 4 degrees above normal at Parker, Phoenix, and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 102 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 31 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 3 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.20 inches at Douglas to 1.34 inches at Safford. Seven of 17 reporting stations are at or above 50 percent of normal precipitation levels for this time of year.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 6 TO OCTOBER 12, 2002**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	57	1	80	36	0.00	4.86	7.36
Casa Grande	75	0	96	49	0.00	2.47	7.11
Coolidge	75	1	98	52	0.00	3.35	7.09
Douglas	66	0	88	41	0.20	7.96	11.26
Flagstaff	50	1	74	31	0.00	9.29	18.01
Gila Bend	79	-1	99	55	0.00	0.44	5.23
Grand Canyon	51	3	74	33	0.00	5.70	13.25
Kingman	67	3	88	50	0.00	4.48	7.86
Parker	78	4	102	62	0.00	0.30	4.07
Payson	60	3	85	41	0.00	6.73	17.17
Phoenix	77	4	96	62	0.00	1.91	5.62
Prescott Airport	58	4	80	40	0.00	4.02	11.66
Safford Ag Center	68	0	92	45	1.34	4.88	7.62
Tucson	74	1	93	54	0.00	6.47	9.74
Willcox	64	2	87	44	0.25	5.09	10.46
Winslow	59	1	83	37	0.00	3.37	6.40
Yuma	80	2	99	63	0.00	0.00	2.26

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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